

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2004

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY TO FILE A RE-
PORT ON H.R. 3866, ANABOLIC
STEROID CONTROL ACT OF 2004

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight tonight to file a report on the bill H.R. 3866.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R.
WOLF OR HON. TOM DAVIS OF
VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN EN-
ROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESO-
LUTIONS THROUGH APRIL 20, 2004

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 2, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 20, 2004.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is accepted.

There was no objection.

JOB PICTURE IMPROVING THANKS
TO TAX CUTS

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, we are going on an Easter break and spending time back in our districts, and before I head back to the Seventh District of Tennessee I wanted to take just a couple of moments and talk just a little bit about the headlines that are out there today.

"U.S. job growth soars." That is from CNN Money. "308,000 jobs: Far better than Wall Street's forecast." I have got other copies of articles here, Bloomberg, My Way, talking about jobs growth.

There are reasons for this, Mr. Speaker, and it is the Bush tax cuts that this body passed last year, the third largest tax cut in history. This check, \$1,133, this is what the average family, 91 million American taxpayers, saw last year. Over 25 million small businesses are seeing about \$2,800 in tax cuts. That is why the economy is growing.

The tax cuts are working, 308,000 new jobs.

THANKING MEL GIBSON AND
WISHING A HAPPY EASTER BREAK

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to address a "thank you" to Mel Gibson and his movie "The Passion of the Christ."

I think it is appropriate during this Easter break that we understand that no greater love is this, than one lays down their life for someone else.

As we go back to our districts and work and try to address the concerns and problems of our constituents and the Nation, I think it is just appropriate to remember that we are all one family and we need to work together to solve our problems.

Mr. Speaker, I wish all my colleagues a happy Easter break.

MANUFACTURING JOBS NEEDED
TO PUT AMERICANS BACK TO
WORK

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is very dramatic to come to the floor of the House to show the possibility of 300,000 jobs being created and provide a sense of relief. But, Mr. Speaker, we have lost 3 million jobs, and I can assure you that if you go to States like Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and States in the deep South, you still have individuals in some of our congressional districts that are more disadvantaged than others.

We have family members who are supporting their families by putting together hamburgers. I do not disrespect good, hard work for a good day's pay, but when the administration cites putting hamburgers together as "manufacturing," you know we still have a problem.

Mr. Speaker, we still have a problem when you give a tax cut to the 1 percent richest of Americans who do not invest in job creation. You still have a problem when corporations are outsourcing and taking jobs overseas.

We have not answered the real question of job creation in America. Until we get back the manufacturing jobs that have been lost, 3 million of them, this celebration over 300,000 begs the question.

We need jobs in America, and it is time to put Americans back to work.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IGNORING CONSEQUENCES OF
INCREASING BUDGET DEFICIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, we have had a great day today. It is really historic. The average American family could teach Congress a lot about budgets, and it appears that at least four Members of the other body may be listening, despite the roar out of the White House.

Today, some Republicans still do not want to face the consequences of their actions. The budget deficit under the Republicans is growing so fast and so high you cannot even see a "debt ceiling" any more. We are facing trillions of dollars of debt that will be shouldered by Americans not yet born. That is how bad it is.

It does not have to be that way. Years ago, the Congress established the pay-as-you-go rule. That is a shorthand way of saying what every ordinary American already knows: You look at both sides of the ledger, how much money you have, what are your expenses, before you do anything.

Instead of pay-as-you-go, the Republicans and the President have said they are going to give America a new policy. It is called "pray-as-you-go." Pray. If you say things are fine long enough, somebody might believe it. Pray that something, anything, good happens somewhere in America. Pray that Americans are so consumed with the economic crisis caused by this President and the Republican leadership that they will not have to time to vote in November.

We are not voting on a budget today because the Republicans are rolling in the street fighting amongst themselves. Why?